

DID YOU KNOW?

The cheer "aliron" comes from when the mountains near Bilbao had important iron mines. "All iron" was shouted when a source of pure iron was found.

The dog Puppy at the entrance of the Guggenheim museum is designed by Jeff Koons and was initially meant to be temporary. However, the people of Bilbao liked it so much that he stayed. Just like the Eiffel Tower!

La Alhóndiga is a Culture and Leisure centre, including a cinema. It has special columns and you can see the swimming pool from below.

The crane La Carola is part of the Itsasmuseum, with a collection of maritime culture and history. The crane is named after Carol Iglesias, a beautiful blond Bilbaina who enchanted the workers of the docks.

The Deusto bridge is a lifting bridge that opened for the last time in 2008.

The Euskalduna Conference Centre and Concert Hall

The crane "La Carola"

Aupa el Athletic! Alirón!

Right next to the university there is a students residence run by nuns

Afraid of spiders? This one is called "Mamá"

Take the funicular for the best views of Bilbao

Start today's tour by a visit to the Guggenheim

Free entrance! Check the tips below

Also called "Parque de los patos" because of the ducks in the pond

The "great" fountain of Bilbao

Calle Ledesma has some great bars as well, like the Molinillo

Arrese - Get a "palmera". A sweet pastery

El Eme: The best sandwiches in town, with their famous secret sauce!

Great bars in this part of "Pozas"

The Alhóndiga

TURN OVER FOR ZOOMED MAP

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Welcome to Bilbao! The Basque city of The Guggenheim, mountains, ocean and architecture, but also the city of Puppy, La Carola, El Atleti, Mamá, El Bocho, Pozas, pintxos and patxaran. After your stay here you will know all about them too.

This map will accompany you during your stay and help you with a fun 2-day route through the city. Apart from the route, it will help you to find the highlights, bars and restaurants, the nightlife and lots of local tips and tricks.

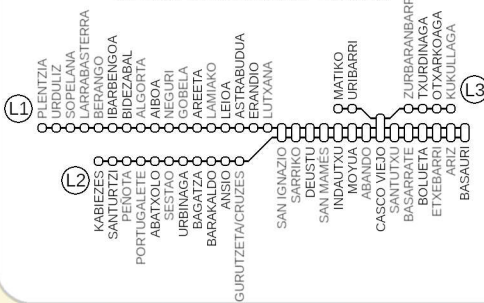
With this CityChillings map you will really feel like a Bilbaino. Enjoy!!

5 MIN WALKING

"The Chimney"

Sunset with a view!

METRO NETWORK OF BILBAO



ROUTE DAY 1

- Good morning! Today we start with a visit to the Guggenheim museum (11h-9h. Mondays closed). When finished, start walking alongside the river.
- Walk through the Parque de Doña Casilda, heading towards Plaza Moyua.
- Lunch at Brass.
- After lunch, head towards the river and cross the Zubizuri bridge.
- Take a return trip in the Funicular (Mon-Sat 7.15h-22h, Sun 8.15-22h) for a perfect view over Bilbao.
- Follow the river past the City Hall.
- Cross the Arenal bridge and head back in the direction of Moyua to have dinner at bar El Globo.

EXTRA TIPS

The entrance to the Museum of Fine arts ("Bellas Artes") is free between 18h and 20h. (All days except for Sundays).

Some bars have a "Menú del día" for lunch (mostly during the week), which includes 3 courses and a drink for a good price.

Looking for a vegan restaurant? La Camelia has delicious vegan food.

To go out dancing at night head to the area just north of the Jardines de Albia. Try Memorial or Blue moon Albia.

Transport tickets are cheaper if you get them with the Barik public transport pass (€3 in the metro stations).

Apart from the pintxos on the bar, bars usually have more on the menu.

QUESTIONS?
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Hello.....	Hola	1.....	Uno
Thank you.....	Gracias	2.....	Dos
Please.....	Por favor	3.....	Tres
How much is it?.....	¿Cuánto es?	4.....	Cuatro
Where are we?.....	¿Dónde estamos?	5.....	Cinco
Where is...?.....	¿Dónde está...?	6.....	Seis
Bye bye.....	Hasta luego	7.....	Siete
Pardon me.....	Perdón	8.....	Ocho

Hello.....	Kaixo	1.....	Bat
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Please.....	Mesedez	3.....	Hiru
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Where is...?.....	Non dago...?	6.....	Sei
Bye bye.....	Agur	7.....	Zazpi
Pardon me.....	Barkatu	8.....	Zortzi

Zurito.....	Small beer
Caña.....	Medium sized beer
Kalimotxo.....	Red wine mixed with cola
Pitilingorri.....	Red wine mixed with soda
Txakoli.....	Basque dry white wine
Vermú.....	Vermouth, typically drank as aperitif
Patxaran.....	Basque blackthorn liquor

Pintxos.....	Elaborated Basque "tapas"
Tortilla.....	An omelette with potatoes and egg
Croqueta.....	Croquette with a béchamel filling
Rabas.....	Deep fried squid
Txistorra.....	Basque type of chorizo
Txipirones...	Baby squids cooked in their own ink
Bacalao pil-pil..	Fried cod fish with garlic and chilli
Marmitako.....	Traditional fish stew
Merluza en salsa verde.....	Hake fish in a green, white wine, parsley and garlic sauce

a. ¡Buenos días! Today we start with the free tour "Bilbao Histórico" in English: www.freetoursbilbao.com (Sun-Thu 12h, Fri 12h & 17h, Sat 11h, 12h & 17h), reservation required. Starting from Plaza del Arriaga. When finished, take the street Bidebarrieta.

b. Lunch at El Perro Chico.

c. Selfie with the San Anton Church!

d. Visit the Cathedral of Santiago (11h-14h, 16.30h-18.30h, Sun. closed). Entrance ticket is also valid for the San Anton Church, which opens in the morning (11h-14:30h, Sun & Mon. closed).

e. Head to Plaza Nueva for dinner and drinks. There are 24 bars to pick from, 6 per side of the square!

Old town is also known as "las siete calles" (the 7 streets). In the middle ages Bilbao was not bigger than those 7 streets surrounded by a wall, part of which is now Calle de Ronda. Check the remains at the opposite side of number 12.

In 1983 the river spilled its banks and flooded Old Town. At some points, the water reached a height of 3 meters. You can still see signs in the Old Town indicating the height, for example the one at restaurant Rio-Oja (Calle del Perro).

The Etxebarria park was originally an enormous steel factory, whose chimney still stands as a memory. Now it is the biggest park of the city.

The street tiles of Bilbao are unique for this city. They have a flower drawn and are used to better channel away the rain.

To go to the Etxebarria park, take the elevator inside the metro station of Casco Viejo (Exit Begoña, use your Barik public transportation pass to pay the fare) to avoid climbing the stairs.

Try the famous Bollo de Mantequilla (Butter bun), the Pastel Vasco (Basque cake) and the Carolina (Custard pastry). Martina de Zuricalday is the best bakery in Bilbao.

You can rent kayaks or do paddlesurf along the river, check out www.bilbobentura.com.

Bar Tirauki is your choice for vegan pintxos!

Gure Toki has one of the most delicious warm pintxos on its menu.

Thank you for sharing your experience!

